If euer he haue wife, let her be mad:
As miserable by the death of him.
As I am made by my poore Lord and thee.
Come now towards *Chertley* with your holy load
Taken from *Paules* to be interred there:
And still as you are a wearie of the waight,
Rest you whiles I lament King *Henries* coarse.

Enter Gloster.

Glo. Stay you that beare the coarse, and set it downe,
La. What blacke Magitian coniures vp this fiend
To stop deuoted charitable deeds?
Glo. Villaine, set downe the coarse, or by St. *Paul*,
Ile make a coarse of him that disobeyes.
Gen. Stand backe and let the Coffin passe.
Glo. Vnmanner'd dog, stand thou when I command,
Aduance thy Halbert higher then my breast,
Or by Saint *Paul* Ile strike thee to my foote,
And spurne vpon thee begger for thy boldnes.
La. What do you tremble, are you all afraid?
Alas, I blame you not for you are mortall,
And mortall eyes cannot endure the diuell.
Auant thou fearefull minister of hell,
Thou hadst but power ouer his mortall bodie,
His soule thou canst not haue, therefore be gone.
Glo. Sweet Saint for charitie, be not so curst.
La. Foule diuell, for Gods sake hence & trouble vs not,
For thou hast made the happie earth thy hell:
Fil'd it with cursing cries and deepe exclaimes,
If thou delight to view thy hainous deeds,
Behold this patterne of thy butcheries.
Oh Gentlemen see, see dead *Henries* wounds,
Open their congeal'd mouths and bleed afresh.
Blush, bulsh, thou lumpe of foule deformitie,
For tis thy presence that exhales this blood,
From cold and emptie veynes where no bloud dwels.
Thy deed inhumaine and vnnaturall,
Prouokes this deluge most vnnaturall.
Oh God, which this blood mad'st, reuenge his death:
Oh earth, which this bloud drink'st, reuenge his death:
Either heauen with lightning strike the murtherer dead,

Or earth gape open wide, and eate hi
As thou didst swallow vp this good
Which his Hel-gouernd arme hath b
Glo. Lady, you know no rules of
Which renders good for bad, blessin
La. Villanne, thou knowst no law o
No beast so fierce, but knowes some
Glo. But I know none, and therefo
La. Oh wonderfull when deuils tell
Glo. More wonderfull when Angel
Vouchsafe deuine perfection of a wo
Of these suppos'd euils to giue me lea
By circumstance but to acquite my
La. vouchsafe defused infection of
For these knowne euils, but to giue n
By circumstance to curse thy cursed
Glo. Fairer then tongue can name
Some patient leisure to excuse my sel
La. Fouler then heart can thinke th
No excuse currant, but to hang thy
Glo. By such dispaire I should accu
La. And by disparing shouldst tho
For doing worthy vengeance on thy
Which didst, vnworthy slaughter vp
Glo. Say that I slew them not.
La. Why then they are not dead:
But dead they are, and diuelish slaue b
Glo. I did not kill your husband.
La. Why then he is aliue.
Glo. Nay, he is dead and slaine by
La. In thy foule throat thou lyest.
Thy bloodly faulchion smoaking in
The which thou once didst bend aga
But that thy brother beate aside the p
Glo. I was prouoked by her slander
Which laide their guilt vpon my gui
La. Thou wast prouoked by thy b
Which neuer dreamt on ought: but b
Didst thou not kill this King?

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